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1. Letter on prisoners (refel) delivered to Chinese Embassy 4 PM Feb 21. Emb officer made appointment with Chi Emb officer Lo at airport 2 PM where Emb Officer was seeing Anderson off for London and Lo seeing off Chicom officer for London same plane.

2. Zaboiff read unofficial Polish translation of letter aloud to Lo, who then took letter out of room. On returning, Lo commented only that "position of Chinese side in the matter of Lt. Dunn has been made clear in earlier letters." Lo said ~~the~~ that the letter ~~was~~ would be transmitted to his Govt.

3. Following suggestion by Kreisberg, Raboff breached subject of delivery of letters to this Rab by Chinese. He replied that it "usual international practice" deliver letters to receiving embassies. Therefore, in future, Chinese will

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come to us when they have message, we are to call on them
when we have message.

4. Atmosphere between Laboff and Lo normal. Tea served
and considerable small talk made about weather. Then
asked if person he seeing off earlier at airport was
member their talk team, Lo said no, he was visitor to
Warsaw on different matter.

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5. We do not believe local press aware of visit. If we receive subsequent inquiries based on firm knowledge that visit took place we will confirm call and use guidance set forth State 027132 (i.e., it was for purpose of delivering letter about prisoners and missing Americans) with no further comment.

6. Request guidance in event correspondents, as is more likely, have no firm info re visit but query Embassy whether any further contacts have taken place. We would assume same guidance would apply, but will respond with "no comment" to such inquiries pending Dept's reply.

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